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Biden meets with families of Newtown victims

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Vice President Biden announced that $100 million in federal funding will go to increase the quality of mental health care in the United States during a meeting Tuesday with the families of people killed during the Sandy Hook school shootings a year ago.

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hich took place on Dec. 14, 2012. Twenty children and six adults were massacred by Adam Lanza, who also killed mother and committed suicide. Lanza's exact motive was never uncovered, but it was discovered that he had significant mental health issues.

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services, and today's announcements by the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture build on that commitment," Biden said in a statement from the White House.

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The funding Biden comes from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture(USDA). HHS will spend $50 million in Affordable Care Act funds to help Community Health Centers establish or expand behavioral health services and mental health professionals for people living with mental illness or addiction.

USDA aims to finance $50 to build, expand and improve mental health facilities in rural

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professional fees and
to treat rural

show loophole and mandating background checks died in Congress after facing steep opposition from gun-rights advocates. The battle has shifted to the states, where outgoing New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has finance a push for changes in state legislatures.

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